07/01/2016

Total Number of Fire Departments – 337

- Volunteer Fire Departments – 325
- Career Paid Departments – 5
- Combination Paid/Volunteer Departments – 7

FIREFIGHTER STATISTICS - AGE
Volunteer Fire Departments

Firefighters 29 and Under:	1285	22.09%
Firefighters 30-39:	1721	29.58%
Firefighters 40-49:	1367	23.50%
Firefighters 50-59:	1295	22.26%
Firefighters 70-79:	134	2.30%
Firefighters 80 and Over:	16	0.28%
Total Number of Firefighters:	5818	100.00%

Average Age of Volunteer SD Firefighters: **47.2329** **Years Old**
Total Number of Volunteer Firefighters: 8117
(numbers for age demographics are based off what we received from fire departments)

Paid Fire Departments:

Firefighters 29 and Under:	65	14.74%
Firefighters 30-39:	155	35.15%
Firefighters 40-49:	143	32.43%
Firefighters 50-59:	76	17.23%
Firefighters 60-69:	2	0.45%
Firefighters 70-79:	0	0.00%
Firefighters 80 and Over:	0	0.00%
Total Number of Paid Firefighters:	441	100.00%

Average Age of Paid SD Firefighters: **39.7347** **Years Old**

Total Number of Paid Firefighters: 443

South Dakota Firefighters Association established in 1884

Established by SDCL

9-17-7. Schools and promotional activities of South Dakota Firefighters' Association, Incorporated. The South Dakota Firefighters Association, Incorporated, shall hold annual schools for the purpose of instruction and drilling, as well as testing modern methods and fire extinguishing apparatus, and in general shall encourage and promote the protection of property from loss and destruction by fire.

SDFA holds annual State Fire School in June; 375-400 firefighter attendees each year

District Fire Schools (7 districts in state)

In SD = 337 depts (5) paid ; (7) combination ; (325) all volunteer ;

(3)Military not included on count

    8600 FFs - (8100) vol ; 450 paid/career

In US = 1.15 million FFs; over 800,000 volunteer

All FFs are to have Firefighting Essential training (FF I / II); Approximately 120 hours Local Departmental training – Wildland; rescue; EMR/EMT;

Many depts spend more time Fundraising, than training